



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Planning for Safe National and State Elections

Working with the Secretary of State's office, Missouri's Homeland Security Director and other state agencies, SEMA has been going over plans to make sure the November 2 elections will be conducted – "business as usual." State and local election officials will continue their traditional duties to provide an easily accessible and secure election site. In the event of a natural disaster or other disruption, the officials will provide an easily accessible alternate polling site for citizens to cast their ballot. Missouri has received no specific intelligence pointing toward disrupting the election. There are 3,616 polling places in Missouri.

Winter Awareness Campaign Posted to SEMA Homepage

The Winter Awareness Campaign is posted at: http://sema.dps.mo.gov/winter_awareness.htm. Winter Awareness Day is Wednesday, November 17. The date is selected to remind holiday travelers to prepare for potentially hazardous driving conditions in other areas of the country and prepare car safety kits. The campaign also reminds citizens about severe winter terms and home safety preparations. The campaign features several draft press releases, local EMDs can take to their media and use again in the event of winter storms/blizzards. The campaign also includes the National Weather Services winter awareness information packet.

SEMA Publishes Draft Mutual Aid Agreement to Homepage

SEMA published a draft Mutual Aid Agreement, which local jurisdictions can adapt to meet their needs. The draft multi-jurisdictional Mutual Aid agreement is dated September 2004. NOTE: This draft agreement on SEMA's homepage is provided as a sample ONLY. Jurisdictions should add or delete items as needed to comply with local laws and procedures.

On September 22, 2004, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published Recovery Division Policy Directive #9523.6 "Mutual Aid Agreements for Public Assistance and Fire Management Assistance."

Both documents can be viewed on the SEMA website: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>.

Gragnani Retires from St. Louis County OEM

Nick Gragnani retired from the St. Louis County Police Department, Office of Emergency Management October 22, 2004. Many EMDs know Nick as an excellent SEMA Instructor. He will be starting a second career working for East West Gateway Council of Governments. Nick will be working with Frank Schaper and Maggie Hales at the St Louis Regional Response System (STARRS). STARRS manages the St. Louis Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. STARRS is to St. Louis what the MARC is to KC. Nick said, "I'll still be around in some capacity."

MACOG, SEMA Receive Planning Award

Doug Hermes, Statewide Planning Coordinator for the Missouri Association of Councils of Governments announced that the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association has honored MACOG and SEMA with a 2004 Excellence in Planning Award. This honor recognizes the "Hazard Mitigation Planning Initiative" with an outstanding planning award for a project, program or tool. The MACOG, SEMA, Missouri's Regional Planning Committees & Council of Governments wrote hazard mitigation plans for counties & local communities.

2004 North American Emergency Response Guidebooks Arrive

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) is in the process of distributing the 2004 North American Emergency Response Guidebooks. The MERC received a limited number of guidebooks. They want the books to be placed in first responder vehicles – law enforcement, fire, EMS and state agency response vehicles.

The MERC and SEMA Area Coordinators will be distributing Guidebooks to LEPCs. The LEPCs will be responsible for distributing to local fire and law responders. Other Missouri State and Federal Agencies receiving Guidebooks for distribution are: Highway Patrol Troop Headquarters, Water Patrol, Fire Safety, DHSS – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Administration Risk Management, Boone County USAR Team, and the Army Corps of Engineers – Kansas City office.

KCMCC Becomes Missouri's First Disaster Resistant University

Kansas City's Metropolitan Community Colleges (MCC) became Missouri's first Disaster Resistant University (DRU). Last spring, all Missouri colleges and universities were invited to compete in the national competitive grant for the DRU funds. The Metropolitan Community Colleges' Multi-Campus District includes five colleges in four communities in Kansas City. The schools provide quality, low-cost education and over 70 career or transfer degree programs for more than 40,000 degree seeking and technical training students.

MCC was awarded \$100,000 to develop a Multi-Campus Hazard Mitigation Plan to improve safety, implement loss avoidance measures and provide a plan to improve business continuity. The school also will be eligible to compete for future federal grant funding for mitigation projects. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will help the school develop the mitigation plan. The MARC is a non-profit entity that assists local governments within the Kansas City metropolitan area.

FEMA Announces Consumer Price Index Increase For Individuals and Households Program (IHP)

Effective 1 October 2004, the maximum amount of IHP financial assistance provided to an individual or household, with respect to any single emergency or major disaster is \$26,200.00. If you have any questions, contact SEMA's Disaster Recovery Section at (573) 526-9234 or 526-9114.

Bush Signs Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

President George W. Bush signed the FY 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which provides \$28.9 billion for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The act will allow the DHS to build upon significant investments to date by improving our safeguards against terrorism, while sustaining the many other important departmental activities. Of particular interest to Emergency Responder Community:

Bio-defense: Will develop and pre-purchase of necessary medical countermeasures against weapons of mass destruction, and improved bio-surveillance by expanding air monitoring for biological agents in high-threat cities and high-value targets such as stadiums and transit systems.

National Disaster Medical System (NDMS): Is responsible for managing and coordinating the Federal medical response to major emergencies and federally declared disasters

Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection: Enhances capabilities to receive intelligence and information to assess the vulnerabilities of the nation's assets and critical infrastructure, to assess consequences, and to add capabilities in remediation and protective actions.

Support for State and Local Governments and First Responders: State-based formula grants for law enforcement, "all hazards" Emergency Management Performance Grant program, and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Firefighter assistance grants.

Increasing DHS Preparedness and Response Capacity: The bill includes \$3.1 billion for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (FEMA) to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to and recover from natural and man made disasters. This includes \$2 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund (Presidential Disaster Declaration).

National Incident Management System (NIMS): A national framework for all levels of government to work together more effectively to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all domestic incidents.

Grant Guidance for FY 05

Grant guidance isn't expected from ODP until early Dec. Once the guidance is received, it will be posted to SEMA's homepage. Tom Mohr will send out notice via email.

A Closer Look At State & Local FY 05 Appropriations

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Here is more specific information on the \$3.086 billion for State and Local Programs including:

- * \$1.1 billion for state formula grants
- * \$400 million for law enforcement grants
- * \$1.2 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative programs including:
 - * \$885 for high-density urban areas;
 - * \$150 million port security grants;
 - * \$5 million for trucking industry security grants;
 - * \$10 million for intercity bus security grants;
 - * \$150 million for intercity passenger rail security grants;
- * \$50 million for technology transfer
- * \$336.3 million for training, exercises, and technical assistance
- * \$715 million for Firefighter Grants
- * \$180 million for EMPG (all-hazards, no personnel limit, and separate account)
- * \$8 million for the counter-terrorism fund

\$239 million for EP&R Preparedness, Mitigation and Response and Recovery including:

- * \$30 million for Urban Search and Rescue
- * \$2 million for emergency housing program
- * \$15 million for NIMS Integration Center

\$202 million for EP&R Regional Operations

\$34 million for EP&R Public Health Programs

\$2.04 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund

\$200 million for Flood Map Modernization

\$100 million for Pre-disaster Mitigation

\$153 million for Emergency Food and Shelter